

# SEATTLE



## Xgreen factor

### *The Greening of Seattle:*



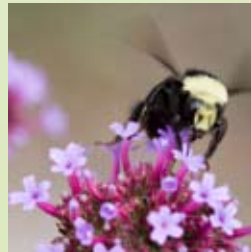
*Increase  
tree  
canopy*

*Decrease  
stormwater  
runoff*



*Increase  
layers of  
plantings*

*Capture dust &  
pollutants, help  
clean air*



*Provide  
habitat for  
birds & bees*



*Cool cities by decreasing urban  
heat island effect*

First adopted in 2006 for Seattle's commercial zones, the Green Factor is an innovative landscaping requirement that recognizes the functional value of landscapes in addition to their aesthetic benefits. The Green Factor increases design flexibility and encourages a more sustainable urban environment by providing an extensive menu of landscape features including trees, shrubs, green roofs, vegetated walls and permeable paving. In recognition of the Green Factor's potential to improve quality of life and help mitigate climate change, the U.S. Conference of Mayors awarded Seattle a USCM Livability Award in 2008.

*Insulate  
buildings*

*Muffle  
sounds*



*Cool buildings and  
sidewalks with shade*

*Increase property values*

